

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Patti Bushee

A RESOLUTION

**ADOPTING, AS CITY POLICY, THE LA TIERRA TRAILS MASTER PLAN FOR USE
BY THE CITY AS A GUIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CITY WILDERNESS TRAILS
AND OPEN SPACE IN THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT.**

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2008, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe adopted Ordinance No. 2008-22, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$20,000,000.00 to acquire land for, and to improve parks, trails, and open space for recreational purposes, of which \$2,965,328.00 was later designated for the Northwest Quadrant Open Space/Trails under the 2008 Parks Bond Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City developed a Priority Plan for the Northwest Quadrant Trails in May 2009, with extensive stakeholder participation including the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Priority Plan identified five priorities for the Northwest Quadrant Open Space/Trails funding including: developing a master plan for trails; establishing access control to prevent illegal trespassing; providing clean up of trash in many sites where illegal dumping has occurred; providing trail signage for user safety and way-finding; and providing connections

1 between the Northwest Quadrant trail system, and the surrounding neighborhoods; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe, in cooperation with the Santa Fe Public Schools and
3 other proximate private property owners, has conducted an extensive community-oriented public
4 process, for developing a trails master plan for the La Tierra Trails system; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails system is located on 1,500 acres of public land in the
6 Northwest Quadrant of Santa Fe just three miles northwest of the Plaza and close to many Santa
7 Fe residential neighborhoods as depicted in Exhibit A, attached hereto; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails area provides a network of trails for at least five
9 distinct user groups (hiker/trail runners, mountain bikers, equestrians, BMX/dirt jumpers,
10 ATV/MX riders) who were identified and who share the area as depicted in Exhibit B, attached
11 hereto; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails Master Plan will formalize the 25+ miles of trails into a
13 cohesive trail system with three distinct technical areas and guide the development of the trails
14 and open space areas; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails Master Plan includes additions or modifications to
16 existing internal trails, trailheads, and access points and also identifies future connections to local
17 and regional trails as depicted in Exhibit C, attached hereto; and

18 **WHEREAS**, with the exception of a designated ATV/BMX Park located in the
19 southwest corner of the site, the remainder of the La Tierra Trails system will prohibit
20 recreational motorized vehicles and use of the recreational area will be in accordance with
21 existing city code with respect to parks and open space; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails Master Plan has identified a prioritized list of projects
23 for development of the trails into a cohesive network as described in Exhibit D, attached hereto.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
25 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the La Tierra Trails Master Plan is approved and adopted as City

1 policy for use by the City as a guide for development of City wilderness trails and open space in
2 the Northwest Quadrant.

3 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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7 ATTEST:

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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10 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *M/Melissa/resolutions 2011/La Tierra Trails MP*